

CITY OF DELAFIELD COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mayor Paul Craig
Phil Schuman, Ald.
Erv Sadowski, Ald.
Linda Quartaro, Ald.
Linda Kuklinski, Ald.
Ron Miskelley, Ald.
Matt Carlson, Administrator
Marilyn Czubkowski, Clerk

Absent

Maurice Mathey, Ald.
Mike Roberts, Ald.

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered in one motion unless a Common Council Member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2003

L. KUKLINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2003 MEETING AS PRESENTED. R. MISKELLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON ITEMS PERTAINING TO THIS AGENDA.

Libby Gifford, 1504 Perry Lane, Hartland – Asked the Common Council to move ahead with library project. She wants the referendum, issue/sell the bonds for library and get on with the public parks and public library.

Carol MacAllister, 1925 Moraine End, Delafield –She stated that the City needs a new library. It is very overcrowded now. The staff room has appalling working conditions. She wants a new library and a new library is needed. There were 92,000 patron visits last year at the library. The library board has pledged to raise the necessary funds over the next 20 years. The increase in taxes is minuscule. She asked what the fuss was about. Why does the City Council stand in the way? Why does the City Council not want the City residents to voice an opinion? She guaranteed that she is only one of many residents who will vote yes on the referendum. Why doesn't the City Council cut to the chase? She asked that the Council do the right thing and authorize the bonds tonight.

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Monique Henry, 2804 Burries Road – Although most of what the Council has heard is in support of the library, most of what she is hearing are questions such as: How much is it going to cost, how much are the utilities, what is the increase staffing going to be? She has not seen a single number on what the real cost is going to be – the regular dollars that it is going to take to run the library once it is put up. She stated that the library hasn't raised the money that they said they were going to do. She thought that it was too early and that it would be irresponsible to commit these kinds of dollars at this point before knowing what this would cost.

Roger Yolo, 2729 Ridley Road – He is concerned about the library. When this first came up in the election, Mayor Craig stated in campaign literature that the library would be paid for by private donations. He hasn't seen anything about any fundraising for this project. Without private funding he thought that the library shouldn't go ahead. He is also concerned about all "up" costs for this library. The present worth is probably \$6-8 million project. He also thought that the City was not taking into account the State's budget difficulties. This is a major project. The promised private paying of the library is not there.

Audrey Kellner, 1116 W. Devonshire Road – Thought that anyone who has gone into the library knows that more space is needed. She also thought that not having the referendum would send message to the people that they can't be trusted. This is not a message that the Common Council wants to send. This has been put before the Common Council to have the referendum. She thought the referendum would do two things: 1-It will reflect that the Common Council does trust people in the City of Delafield to realize that there is a need there and to express their support the library. 2-It will give the people, the Friends of the Library, and the library board, an opportunity to do the things that they need to do – to put forward to the people of Delafield what fund raising plans they have in concrete numbers so that people can realize that there is support for the library and there will be financial support to offset the costs of the bonds. Letting the referendum go through will give the library the opportunity to put forth all of the plans that they should have been making and to let the people know exactly how it will be funded. In order to have a capital fundraiser like this, there must be major support/donations. Something must be in place to put forth to the people. Then the library will get the support. If they cannot show that they have the support, then maybe it needs to go back to the drawing board and see what can be done to get more space and facilities.

Kenneth Fejnas, 917 Bahr Road – Everyone that he has talked to in the City has helped him out with information. Has talked to two city officials about the cost of the library referendum on property taxes and has two different sets of numbers. He asked if he has any assurances that either set of numbers is correct. Based on a previous bonding issue that never went through, he asked if the cost would be higher or lower now. He talked to both Matt Carlson and Jocelyn Bubolz about the numbers. The numbers he received from each are different. He did not understand how the citizens are to make a decision based on two different sets of numbers. The library referendum is not happening by

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itself. Taxpayers in the Kettle Moraine School District may be facing two referendums this year; one for the library, and one for a new middle school. Local governments can expect significant budget cuts. He hopes that property taxes do not go up in December. The only way people can make informed decisions is with accurate information. He asked what contingencies the City has in place to address situations like this in the future. People need numbers and accurate information to make decisions.

Frank Balistreri, 1504 Parry Lane – He is an English teacher at Arrowhead High School teaching AP classes. A student talked to him on Homecoming night and told him that kids need to read. F. Balistreri stated that children need to read well to do well in college and on the ACT tests. The City of Delafield is putting literacy in the attic. If we want kids to read, they must be shown that it is important. This library is very crowded. He stated that what we do with our money is we say “what do we want, and we pay for what we want.” And then we say “what do we not want, and we don’t pay for that.” He agrees that we need to know how much things cost. You also need to think if this is worth it. He thinks it is. He is not proud of the library right now. Numbers are needed. The City needs to back the library and needs to back it soon.

Janet Jansen, 1016 W. Devonshire – She stated that she echoed F. Balistreri’s sentiments. She has lived in Delafield for two years and one of the first things she checked out when she moved here and when they were deciding about moving here was the library situation. She was very disappointed when she first saw the library facility, but was told that Delafield was planning on building a new facility. She thought that Delafield needs a new library. She is interested in the education of all people. Although the Kettle Moraine Schools are top-rate, by delaying the building of the library we are telling the young people to move away to get further education after high school. She thought that the City would want well educated young people to stay in the community and to attract those who value education for children and adults to live in and support this district. She stated that she came from a community who built a new library and people who never visited it before, now visit the new library. New families and businesses were attracted as they realized that the community was not dormant, but was alive and vibrant. As a result, the community prospered. A library says a lot about a city. She thought that the City cannot afford delay building a new library in Delafield. She and her husband plan to vote “yes” on April 1 and she hopes that the City gives them that option by placing the referendum on the ballot.

David Sigmond, 1543 Milwaukee Street – He supported the library and the library referendum. Thought that it was important to have input from the City and it’s population. It is important for the library board and Friends of the Library to be able to formulate a plan to present to the City. He is a veterinarian by trade. He believes in an education process. The steps of the school and all the things that make the community what it is are the things that make people want to move here. A new library with meetings rooms, etc. are the kinds of things that he expects the City of Delafield to provide him and if he was looking for a community to move towards, a City that has the ability to

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look forward to maintain their educational services and services of the library would be a very important issue.

Mary Zahorik, 1948 W. Shore Drive – Spoke regarding Item 5B – She stated that the Council members and the mayor are essentially volunteers who donate a great deal of time and energy to this community. The City Administrator receives a salary and perks. This was directed to Matt Carlson, since he is always asking for direction. She requested that he put all of the cards on the table and do what is right. Present the City with a hypothetical scenario. If zero dollars are raised through donations, what dollar amount per thousand dollar valuation will the taxpayer have to bear? She suggested publishing a flyer, along with current donations collected, in order to make an educated vote. Resolution 2002-14 was addressed. She stated that the taxpayers are pleading for tax relief. Many residents are paying substantial taxes now and she thought that because of the property taxes, some people might not be able to afford to live here. With the poor economy, people with high-end homes are unable to sell or must significantly reduce the price of their homes. Many residents have taken pay-cuts, are laid off, or are on fixed income. She gave examples on some ideas to raise funds for the library: posters, volunteers for having auctions, utilizing the Fish Hatchery, DPW, etc. for some of the fundraisers with no fees for use, and to provide some enjoyment for the community.

Jim Zahorik, 1948 W. Shore Drive – Item 7a – He stated that he found it refreshing to see an agenda item like this because he and his wife were victims, fought a difficult battle, and ultimately got a refund on taxes. This says a lot for the new assessor and for the people who selected him. In regards to Item 5b – the City of Delafield Communicator newsletter was referred to. In the newsletter were numbers about the library. He had a discussion with M. Carlson today, has sat in on a Finance Committee meeting chaired by L. Kuklinski and received a great deal of information at both meetings. He also sat in on the mediation meetings. The big thing at the meetings was communication and to try to instill trust. The newsletter is an excellent means of communication. The library website has almost everything that is in the Communicator. He referred to the portion on what the new library will cost, fundraising, and how it will affect taxes. The answer stated that any costs to taxpayers would diminish as the bond is repaid. He stated that we want to communicate and instill trust. The webpage has figures and is classified as “Investment in the Community.” He asked why the numbers shown on the website were not put in the Communicator. He spoke of the arrangement that was at the Lumber Inn for the Community Fund showing a goal and what funds had been raised. If the people are basing a decision on the effect of private fundraising, he asked why people in the community haven’t spread the news about raising money for the library. People want to know where the money is and how much it will cost. He asked about why there is a referendum on April 1. It is because it is a sizable investment and the people were told that they would have that opportunity to vote on it if private money was not obtained.

Robert Jensen, 1016 W. Devonshire Road – M. Czubkowski stated that an e-mail and letter were received.

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Mary Schuman, 1717 Nagawicka Road, Hartland – She is the President of the Friends of the Library. She gave an update: The referendum campaign is in full swing. The Friends Group of Delafield Public Library has been re-energized with 40 new members and more are being recruited everyday. These individuals will assist in a variety of tasks over the next six weeks. Officers have been elected. The referendum steering committee meets every Monday and reviews the progress and refines the referendum plan. The group is gaining in both size and in enthusiasm every week and they are optimistic that they can be successful at the polls on April 1. The alderpersons had materials in their packets: website copy, sample ads, postcard, bookmark, etc. Bookmarks were available to members of the audience. The library board will be announcing the names of the individuals who will serve as chairman or co-chairman, or both, for the Capital Campaign very soon. They need to be sure that the individuals chosen will be community leaders who will be of both affluence and influence to reach the capital campaign goal. The library board has identified another 30+ community leaders who they have just begun to ask to serve on the capital campaign committee. Several have already agreed. The first official meeting of the capital campaign committee will be held in March. Work is already underway identifying people who have the ability to make significant leadership gifts. Capital campaigns have been done in libraries across the state and in many neighboring communities. Capital campaigns are also done on a regular basis for many other non-for-profit organizations. There are tried and true methods of raising significant dollars. They have Pat Bolter-Mundt working with them who is a professional in the industry and has recognition from other libraries as well as other community members who have told M. Schuman that if anybody can raise the money, Pat can. The process of the capital campaign was addressed. Seventy-five to eighty percent of the funds for a capital campaign come from a relatively small percentage of donors. These donors are usually very interested in naming opportunities. Examples were given. Contributors will not pledge large sums of money if the project is not a sure thing. Major donors want to know that it will happen. They want to see the specifics. Architectural rendering will be available after February 27, 2003. Donors want to know the community and that leadership of the community is behind the project. After the leadership gifts are in place, they will then launch a community-wide campaign asking all members of the community to make contributions. This will allow everyone to have a sense of ownership regarding the project. The entire campaign will last about 8 months. She has been impressed with the library board to spearhead and assist in the referendum. She is confident that they will put together an impressive capital campaign committee who will dedicate themselves to making the library a reality. It will take a great deal of work. She stated that there is a right way to assemble and launch a capital campaign and they need to rely on the expert advice both from the consultant and the experience of other libraries to lead them down the correct path to be successful. She stated that there is no better time to build the library than now. She asked everyone to support the work of the Friends of the Delafield Library and help them be successful on April 1. M. Schuman is always available to answer any questions.

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Mayor Craig asked three times if there were more citizens' comments. There were none.

R. MISKELLEY MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE CITIZENS COMMENTS. E. SADOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Lake Country Carver's Arts letter dated February 1, 2003 requests the use of the Department of Public Works Building for their 2003 Woodcarving Show on Saturday, July 12, 2003.
- b. Delafield Chamber of Commerce's letter dated February 6, 2003 requests permission to hold its Delafield Days events on Friday evening, July 11 and Saturday, July 12, 2003.

L. QUARTARO MOTIONED TO APPROVE. L. KUKLINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. LICENSES

1. One-year bartender license for Mark A. Kraus, Jr., S12 W31813 Gray Fox Run, Delafield; Day Break

L. QUARTARO MOTIONED TO APPROVE. L. KUKLINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

b. PLAN COMMISSION

They will have the next regular meeting on February 26, 2003 at 7 p.m. There is a special closed session meeting this Thursday at 6 p.m.

c. LAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE

P. Schuman stated that he met with S. Beyler of the DNR on February 5, 2003 along with Jerry Bills. They were looking at the DNR files on the lake in preparation for the Lake Welfare Committee meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m.

d. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The next meeting will be this Wednesday, February 19, 2003 at 7 p.m.

1. SHANTELE SCHMIDT'S PRESENTATION ON THE GYPSY MOTH PROJECT.

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S. Schmidt, the City Forester was present at the meeting. She stated that she had a meeting with Chenquea and Hartland last Thursday. Citizens in Delafield have had a chance to voice objections to aerial spraying. Spoke regarding areas that she responded to. At that time she found that there were significant numbers of egg masses underneath the branches and one the trees. There were 700-900 egg masses per acre in those areas. She announced that the City of Delafield has qualified and been accepted for DNR grant money. The deadline is March 7, 2003. She has had no objections to aerial spraying. The spraying is safe and effective - it is to suppress, not eliminate, the gypsy moths. The next step is to decide how this will be paid for and this will take place in March. The landowners were notified in early February and the notification letter included a 250' boundary strip so that everyone is notified within that effective treatment area. She has responded to people who noticed and were concerned about gypsy moths. In April she will submit a list of contacts to schools in the area and will go ahead with an agreement with the DNR to aeriually spray the blocks. The public channel will have a presentation on the gypsy moths. P. Schuman asked why she reviewed certain areas. She did some scouting on her own and responded to citizen's concerns. This led to some neighboring citizens calling her and then checking it out. The spraying is successful in most communities combined with egg mass removal and education of the public and it could continue on for several years. If someone can get to the egg masses, they have been told to remove them. They will see how effective sticky bands are. The aerial spraying should be successful.

e. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (DRAFT MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS
MTG OF FEBRUARY 5, 2003 INCLUDED)

R. Miskelley stated that DelHart approved the sewer plans for the Waterleaf Subdivision. The 24' street width was approved instead of 27' in Waterleaf Subdivision. The Waterleaf plan was approved by the Public Works Committee subject to the terms and condition that were laid out during the meeting. Carriage Hill Subdivision is still having issues about how to deal with stormwater runoff. Part of these issues have to do with 100 year storm that could come across Highway C from Copperfield. He has confidence that these issues will be settled. It has been conceptually approved, but they still have to come up with a final plan as to what they are going to do with the stormwater run-off and they also have some issues with easements. In regards to the Cushing Park Bridge and parking lot, the sewer plans and bridge were approved. The Department of Public Works Director's position has been posted with February 22, 2003 as a deadline for application. F. Welch and his firm have been awarded the contract to do the Main Street reconstruction from Main Street to Genesee Street. M. Czubkowski state that the Public Works looked at and approved some language changes for fire protection, water,

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and sanitary sewer. Some of the items that they did approve require public hearing. A public hearing will be held in March at the Plan Commission meeting and this will then be on the Common Council's April agenda.

f. DEL-HART COMMISSION

Will meet tomorrow night.

g. RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mayor Craig stated that the City has received a \$19,656 check from the Waukesha County Recycling Program to help the City.

h. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Representative was not present. No report was given.

i. LIBRARY BOARD

E. Sadowski stated that he was excited and pleased that on February 27, 2003 at 7 pm the public unveiling of drawing and pictures of the new library in council chambers would take place. He invited all to the unveiling. It will be televised. The February 11, 2003 library meeting was canceled due to poor weather. The meeting will be held February 21, 2003 instead.

j. FINANCE ADVISORY BOARD

The next meeting is scheduled for May.

k. OTHER

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. PRESENTATION BY JIM ABRAHAMSON, PRESIDENT & CEO, BAYMONT INNS

J. Abrahamson addressed the tree issue, read, and distributed a letter to the commissioners. He apologized for the tree cutting and trimming incident that occurred on July 19, 2002. He stated that he took full responsibility for the actions of their employees involved in this action. He stated that not only were they sorry for the damage done, but they were angered and embarrassed. Several meetings have been held to determine an appropriate course of action. In order to remedy the damage done to the hillside, Baymont Inn proposes: 1. Reimburse City of Delafield for investigation costs (up to \$5,000). 2. Restore the hillside.

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Baymont will fund a cost mutually agreed upon for biologist or horticulturalist to develop a remediation plan for the hillside. The estimated cost of this plan is \$3,000 - \$5,000. The first step will likely address the removal of dead branches on the hillside while the ground is still frozen. In the spring, Baymont will fund a mutually agreeable plan to plant trees on the hillside to restore the natural beauty of the area. 3. Community involvement. Baymont will donate funds and facilities to several local projects in the City of Delafield. These projects include: A. Genesee St. Improvement - Baymont will fund the purchase of 33 shade trees at a City estimated cost of \$550 each for a total of \$18,150. This is the same number of trees that were either topped (17) or downed (16) during the Baymont incident. B. Veterans Memorial Walkway. Baymont will donate the City share of \$5,000 for the cost of restoration and landscaping along the Bark River for this project. Coupled with the DNR matching grant, this will cover 100% of the landscaping component of the project. C. Frog Hollow Preservation (Ray Ruff Property). Baymont will contribute \$5,000 to the Waukesha Land Conservancy for the purchase and restoration of the Frog Hollow Preserve in the City of Delafield. In addition to these one-time contributions, Baymont will develop a plan to donate use of Baymont Inns & Suites Hotel facilities from time-to-time for fundraisers and other local charitable events.

R. Miskelley stated that this was a great way to be a corporate neighbor and he applauded this. E. Sadowski agreed. Mayor Craig stated that as Mayor, he accepted Baymont's apology and that he looked forward to working with them again in the future in other areas.

- b. RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 2002-14 - LIBRARY - INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT EXCEEDING \$3,475,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF DELAFIELD.

L. Quartaro thanked all who came to the meeting. Since the time she requested that this be put on the agenda she has had a lot of meetings. All of the constituents that she contacted stated that they were in favor of the library plan on voting on April 1. She had a perception that the library board and Friends organization had not gone out in front of this, and after discussions, she is now as energized as they are about the library. She has also agreed to be on the capital campaign committee and is very excited about it. She stated that she had no intention to repeal the resolution. She will be voting on April 1 in favor of it. L. Kuklinski stated that this was put on to bring up discussion. It is important to understand where it is now. The Common Council is behind the project. The referendum is coming up and must take place. P. Schuman thanked Ms. Henry and Mr. Yolo for coming to the meeting. They brought up valid points. He discussed the process that has gone on up to this point. The library is a means of pulling the community together. The City must show commitment. There must be a certain amount of faith in this. R. Miskelley stated that there was a lot of confusion about the petition. The City of Delafield must bond for the

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library; the library has no legal authority for that amount of money. The City has agreed to fund up to \$1 million. The Library will pay back \$2.5 million before expanding. To ease the burden on the City of Delafield taxpayer there is a structure in place in order to give the library an entire year to raise money before the first bill comes through on the bond. If anyone has questions, they should call their alderperson, mayor, city administrator, or library board. Mayor Craig stated that one great thing about this country is to disagree and be honorable as a person with an unconditional positiveness and not go for personal attack. It is his hope that this will not become a negative issue and that dialogue is kept going. It is important to talk to each other. If there are rumors, people should call and confirm them. E. Sadowski urged everyone on April 1 to vote for the passage of the new library.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

He attended two meetings:

1-Tourism & Promotion – He is energized with the campaign that the Tourism committee is dealing with. The City is getting some great free press dealing with many different aspects of the city.

2- Downtown Genesee Group – they are pleased that this project is going through and have contributed a great deal of money to make this project work.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Assessor recommendations regarding the following:

1. Tax Key DELC PO 022, Oremus - \$9.19 rescinded
2. Tax Key DELC 0749.070, Preston & Susan Block – refund of \$1,029.64
3. Tax Key DELC 0792.050.003, Steven & Linda Thuillez – refund of \$961.61

R. MISKELLEY MOTIONED TO ACCEPT ALL THREE AS PRESENTED. L. QUARTARO SECONDED THE MOTION. L. QUARTARO STATED THAT SHE WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE THIS HAPPENING. R. MISKELLEY STATED THAT THIS WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. NO OTHER DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

He was on vacation last week

In regards to the Geason Property, the DNR has agreed to award a matching fund grant in the amount of \$250,000 to offset costs of land acquisition,000 from the 2002-2003 Stewardship Acquisition & Development of Local Parks Program.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

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Tomorrow is Election Day. They will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Notices for the referendum will be published the fourth Tuesday prior to election (3/3) and the second notice will be published on 3/27. The notices will be e-mailed to the alderpersons and will be posted on the City's website.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. APPROVE VOUCHER LIST

P. SCHUMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED. E. SADOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Time Warner Cable letter dated January 30, 2003 regarding program changes.

12. ADJOURNMENT

L. QUARTARO MOTIONED TO ADJOURN FROM THE MEETING. R. MISKELLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 P.M.